Women was held at Udaipur recently as reported in Hindustan Times dated the 6th March, 1988 and if so, outcome thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that not even a single tribal woman was either invited or attended this Seminar and if so, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) No National Seminar on problems of tribal women was held recently at Udaipur. The reference is probably to a National Conference on tribal women and development organised by MLV Tribal Research and Training Institute, Udaipur in July, 1986. The Conference identified the socio-economic and cultural impediments to the well-being and progress of tribal women and made recommendations for their all-round development. The delegates to the Conference included experts on tribal matters and senior officers having field experience in tribal areas. 17 Tribal women participated in a face to face session for field inter-action with conference delegates in a tribal village.

Subsidy on Pesticides

3330. SHRT SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are encouraging sale of pesticides all over the country in order to increase production of all farm. products;

(b) what are the subsidies being given to importers and manufactures at present;

(c) what would be the overall subsidy per Kg. on a pesticide actually sold to farmers;

(d) whether the subsidies are being shared by the Central Government only or by the State Governments also; and

(e) in case State Governments are also sharing subsidies, what are the details thereof indicating proportions of the subsidy being shared by the Centre as well as the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Government is encouraging judicious use of pesticides for controlling pests and diseases as a component of Integrated Pest Management.

(b) No subsidy is given to the manufac turers and importers.

(c) to (e) The Central Government gives subsidy only to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, 'Control of Posts and Diseases of Agricultmal Importance'. Under this Scheme, subsidies are given at the following rates: -

(i) 50 per cent towards cost of pesticides;

(ii) 66-2/3 per cent towards the operational cost of aerial operations.

These subsidies are share equally by tb» Central and State Governments. In the case of Union Territories, the entire subsidy' s borne by the Central Government.

In view of the varying dosages and prices of a large number of pesticides in different formulations and differing from crop to crop and pest to pest, it is not feasible to work out per Kg. subsidy on pesticides sold to farmers.

Losss of National Film Development Corporation

3331. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Film Development Corporation in its annual report has suggested that Government should reimburse the loss of Rs. 66. 94 lakhs suffered by it for holding Eleventh International Film Festival of India held at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the reasons of the losses suffered by National Film Development Corporation; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to avoid recurrence of such losses in future on film festivals?

THE MINISTER OP PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The activity of holding of International | FffcnFcstivals being promotional in nature is not expected to break even. The Corporation is in overall profits. Government will consider reimbursement in the event of the Corporation being in overall loss.

Introduction of Co-operative House Building System

3332. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideralion to introduce co-operative house building system in the rural areas in Punjab;

' (b) if so, whether Government propose to provide any kind of help to that State to boost such activities; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

T. V. Transmitters in Orissa

3333. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to Teply to Unstarred Question 1363 given in Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1987 and state the steps taken so far to set up T. V. transmitters at Baleshwar, Bhanjanagar, Bolangir, Keonjhargarh, Phulbani and Sundergarh in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): While the low power (100 W) TV transmitter at Sundergarh v/as commissioned into service in January, 1988, the remaining places were originally envisaged to be provided TV service by shifting of the existing tirjtnsmitters on their replacement by high power TV transmitters under the VII Plan. However, taking note of the need for extending TV service to these places earlier than could have been possible under the said arrangements, a new scheme was recently included in the VII Plan for purchase of additional transmitters for installation in these as also other similarly placed areas, The selection of site for installation of the proposed transmitter at Phulbani has in the meantime been finalized and the tower erected.

Central Assistance to States for Buffer Stock of Seeds

3334. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state. -

(a) whether Government are providing necessary assistance both kind and cash n the State Governments for maintainig buffer stock of certified/foundation seeds in the respective States; and

(b) if so, the details of the Central assistance and seeds provided to different State Governments for the above purpose during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE DF PARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINTS-TRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) and (b) During the year 1984-85 the following -State Seed Corporations maintained a buffer-stock of seeds. The amount of